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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7612

ERDA GERMANTOWN, MD. PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, OVIP, BE

SUBJECT: VISIT OF BELGIAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER HERMAN TO U.S.

REF: STATE 192189

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REFTEL ON ERDA PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR MINISTER HERMAN. UNFORTUNATELY, AT THE SAME TIME AS WE RECEIVED REFTEL, WE WERE ALSO INFORMED IN WRITING BY HERMAN'S STAFF THAT "OWING TO A VERY HEAVY PROGRAM OF WORK, THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MR. HERMAN, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE FREE AT THE DATES ENVISAGED FOR HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, TO WHICH HE WAS KEENLY LOOKING FORWARD. IN VIEW OF THE GREAT INTEREST HE CONTINUES TO ATTACH TO THIS VISIT, HE PROPOSES TO POSTPONE IT BY A FEW MONTHS. HE GREATLY REGRETS THE INCONVENIENCE THIS CHANGE OF PLANS MAY CAUSE AND HOPES THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY USELESS."

2. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT PLANS FOR THIS TRIP BE KEPT IN RESERVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE HAVE KEPT HERMAN INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF PLANNING FOR THE VISIT, AND WE HOPE THAT IF AND WHEN THE TRIP IS REINSTATED, ERDA AND STATE CAN QUICKLY PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (PERHAPS WITH A LITTLE GREATER PROTOCOL INPUT, SUCH AS A MEETING WITH THE ERDA ADMINISTRATOR).

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3. OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE WORKED ON PLANNING THIS

VISIT TO DATE.RENNER

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